GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER
MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL;SHIVAJI MANE;SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rural water supply programme has been launched under the sector reforms in the country;

(b) if so, the extent to which the drinking water need of the people has been met under the programme during the 9th plan, state-wise;

(c) whether the Government are cooperating in the work being executed for the supply of drinking water in the States;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) the number of villages covered with the assistance and cooperation from the Union Government during the last three years and the current year; and

(f) the number of villages yet to be covered under the said scheme.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (f) Water supply being a State subject, schemes for providing drinking water to rural areas are implemented by the State Governments. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance. Sector Reforms have been launched in 67 pilot districts of the country for implementation of rural drinking water schemes.

As a result of the combined efforts of Government of India and StateGovernments it has been possible to cover 72,859 Not Covered and 3,52,423 Partially Covered habitations during the Ninth Five Year Plan and 22,963 Not Covered and1,87,733 Partially Covered rural habitations during the last three yeas and the current year. As on 12.11.2002 out of 14,22,664 rural habitations in the country, only 15,102 Not Covered and 1,23,636 Partially Covered rural habitations remain to be covered withdrinking water supply facility. A statement showing Statewise status of coverage of habitations is annexed.

Specific schemes for drinking water supply in the villages are planned, sanctioned and implemented by the State Governments as per powers delegated to them. As such, the details of specific schemes are not maintained at the Central Government level.